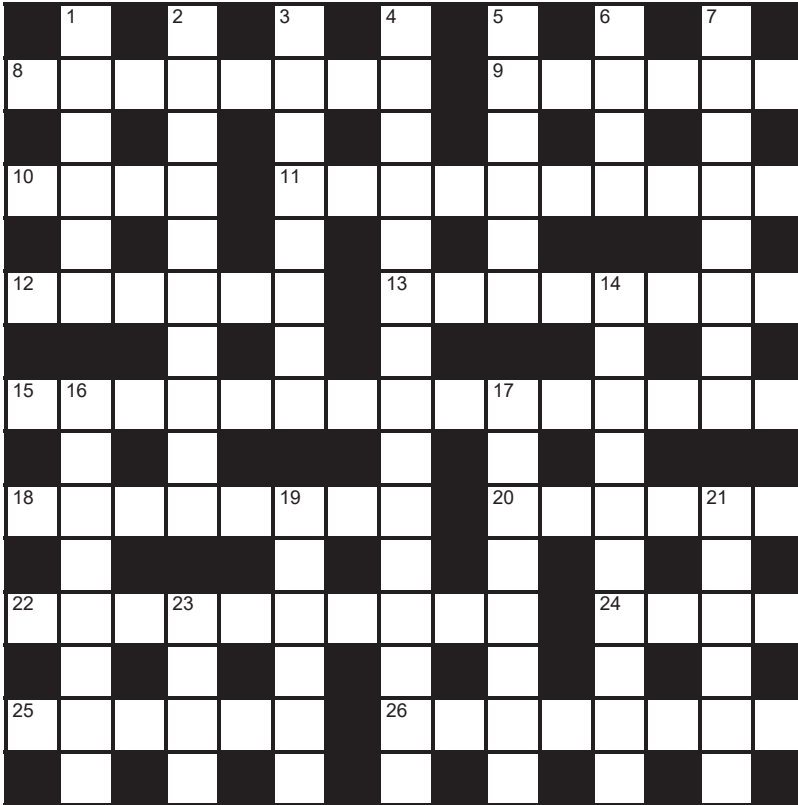


CROSSWORD

No 17,032 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 8** I see you can set back a language (8)
9 Empire's last Dark Lord, one effecting escape (6)
10 Metal swizzle stick once seen centrally (4)
11 Shortage that is stopping cynic getting fed bananas (10)
12 Foreign character sick over hot dish (6)
13 Traces martens back to Eurasian ground (8)
15 The effing stupid allowance concerning future IT? (5-10)
18 Cross over to enter function with international food (8)
20 Rules charge should follow offence in hearing? (6)
22 Too much in rat race, orderly that's fired (10)
24 Host owning many branches? (4)
25 Renounce exam success at college (4,2)
26 Assailant formerly working with yours truly? (8)

DOWN

- 1** Tailless little bird taps shallow drinking vessel (6)
2 Reckoned copper has entered name and date incorrectly (10)
3 Moving slowly, old man being fed by wife Heather (8)
4 Exact definition of "offer" initiated new term for "suggestion" (15)
5 Snapper on line getting no space? (6)
6 Partly overturned degeneracy charge (4)
7 Shakespearean character worked out crime (8)
14 News time for some day workers, maybe those who wait on (10)
16 Monk supposes said year will be terrible (1,4,3)
17 Fish in 50% of dishes after starters of roll and soup (8)
19 Hold old trophy in, ultimately, Pyrrhic victory (6)
21 Band finally together in East-End group of houses? (6)
23 Danger of search lacking force (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,031

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